

IN THE CLAIMS

44. (currently amended) A method of fabricating a ferromagnetic plate for a magnetic resonance scanner magnet frame comprising the steps of:

B1 (a) cutting a starting plate having a—oppositely directed major surfaces and a thickness between such surfaces into strips, each of said cut strips having a width greater than the thickness of the starting plate and equal to the thickness of the plate to be fabricated, whereby each of said cut strips ~~will have major surfaces~~ has faces which originally constituted parts of the major surfaces of the starting plate; and

(b) stacking the strips so that major surfaces of the strips abut one another.